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Phillis Johnson-Ball  
SEA Project Manager  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34075 – Environmental Comments *Six County Association of Governments - Construction and Operation Exemption - Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah*

Dear Mrs. Johnson-Ball:

The Salina City Mayor and Council wish to express our support for the proposed Central Utah Rail Project.

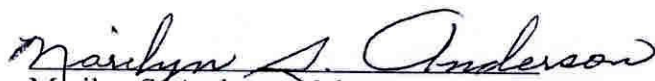
We are very interested in having this railroad in our community for a number of reasons. First, our Main Street is not suited for large trucks. It has seriously damaged the attractiveness and aesthetics of our downtown area. We would prefer to have the trucks out of downtown. They create congestion and increase air pollution. Also, they drive through school zones and create a safety hazard.

Second, we need the railroad to help promote our commercial center. The commercial center represents significant potential for our community in creating jobs and diversifying our industrial base.

Third, we believe the proposed alignment represents the best alternative for bringing a new line into the Sevier Valley. We are sensitive to agricultural issues and understand the implications that new construction and new alignments bring. We believe the preferred alignment is the best way to balance competing interests.

We look forward to working with the Board and ask that this project be moved forward as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

  
Marilyn S. Anderson, Mayor

  
Jim Casto, Council Member

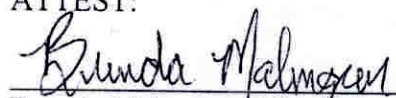
  
Newell Hales, Council Member

  
Tom Harrison, Council Member

  
Mark Larsen, Council Member

  
Jim Reynolds, Council Member

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Malmgren, City Recorder